



General Assembly

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Raised Bill No. 144

LCO No. 984

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Referred to Committee on Energy and Technology

Introduced by:
(ET)

AN ACT CONCERNING THE CALL-BEFORE-YOU-DIG PROGRAM.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Section 16-356 of the general statutes is repealed and the
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2004*):

3 Any person, public agency or public utility which the Department
4 of Public Utility Control determines, after notice and opportunity for a
5 hearing as provided in section 16-41, to have failed to comply with any
6 provision of this chapter or any regulation adopted under section 16-
7 357 shall forfeit and pay to the state a civil penalty of not more than
8 [ten] thirty thousand dollars. Notwithstanding the provisions
9 contained in subsection (d) of section 16-41, the person, public agency
10 or public utility receiving a notice of violation pursuant to subsection
11 (c) of section 16-41 shall have thirty days from the date of receipt of the
12 notice in which to deliver to the department a written application for a
13 hearing.

This act shall take effect as follows:	
Section 1	October 1, 2004

Statement of Purpose:

To increase the maximum civil penalty for failure to comply with the underground damage prevention program, also known as the call-before-you-dig program, provisions from ten thousand to thirty thousand dollars.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]